

Incident 2020SA0008391

Fiscal Year:	2020	Port Code:	4701 - JFK INTL ARPT
Environment Type:	Passenger	Port Director Name:	
Incident Type:	SEIZURE & ARREST - NO PENALTY ISSUED ON SITE	Agency:	Office of Field Operations
Form Type:	Long Form		

Overview

EID Event Number:
Owning Agency: CBP FIELD OPS - NY (JFK) (C47)
Incident Topic: A-TCET / JFKIA / Aircraft Search Team Seizure / Arrest /Cocaine 11.594 kg (25.55 lbs) AA 1349
Incident Type: SEIZURE & ARREST - NO PENALTY ISSUED ON SITE (SA)
Incident Categories: DRUG RELATED (D)
Notify if Incident is Queried?: No

Discovery Information

Discovering Agency: CBP, CONTRABAND ENFORCEMENT TEAM (CSE)
Place of Discovery: PORT-OF-ENTRY (P)
Place of Discovery Description: TERMINAL 8
Discovery Date: 2020-02-04

Agency Participation

Contributing Information

CBP/ICE:
TECS:
Other Agencies:
Referring Officer Code: A-TCET

Additional Information

Project Codes: JFK AIRCRAFT SEARCH TEAM, JFK A-TCET, A-TCET INBOUND TEAM
Incident Enforcement Aid:
Incident Presumptive Testing Devices: Narcotics Test Kit
HSI Case Number:
Current Case Agent:
Declaration Taken By:
HSI Office Code:

TOMIS Mission Number:

TOMIS Event Number:

Conveyance

Conveyance Type: COMMERCIAL AIR

Conveyance Searched: No

Conveyance Seized: No

Aircraft Detail

Country Registered:

Tail #: N930AN

Overflight Exemption: N

Itinerary Information

In/Out Bound: Inbound

In/Out Bound Date: 2020-02-04

Country Originated From: JAMAICA

Via Country: JAMAICA

Bill Of Lading #:

Carrier Name:

Trip #: N930AN

Carrier Code:

Flight #: 1349

PAX Embark Airport: MONTEGO BAY, SANGSTER INTL

Departure Airport: MONTEGO BAY, SANGSTER INTL

Departure Country: JAMAICA

Exam Details

Reason For Exam:

Exam Complete Percent:

TECS Information

TECS Record Created: No

TECS Record ID:

TECS Primary: No

Armed and Dangerous: No

Remarks:

Seizure Details

Seizure Date / Time: 2020-02-04 19:40

Seizing Agency: CBP, CONTRABAND ENFORCEMENT TEAM

Place of Seizure: PORT-OF-ENTRY

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Place of Seizure Description: Terminal 8 Gate # 7
Seizing Officer: Robinson, Michael

e-allegation Information

Is result of an e-allegation: No

Violators

FP&F Case #: 2020470100696101

Last Name: Belloisi
First Name: Paul
Middle Name:
Date of Birth: 1968-
Sex: Male
Citizenship: UNITED STATES
Race: WHITE
Hispanic: UNKNOWN
Personal Search Conducted: Yes

Address

Street:
Apartment #:
City: Hicksville
Country: UNITED STATES
State: NEW YORK
Zip: 11801

Prosecutorial Information

Prosecutorial Acceptance: Federal Prosecution
Administratively Handled: No

TECS Information

TECS Record ID: P3R36188500C47
TECS Primary: No
Remarks: Subject is an American Airlines Aircraft Mechanic at JFK Airport. Arrested at JFK Airport on 02/04/2020 while at work, charged with internal conspiracy of smuggling 25.560 pounds of cocaine hidden under insulation blanket in the avionics compartment of an American Airlines aircraft B-737.

Arrest/Personal Search Details

Arrest Date / Time: 2020-02-04 23:48
Arresting Agency: CBP, CONTRABAND ENFORCEMENT TEAM
Place of Arrest: PORT-OF-ENTRY

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Description: American Airlines Terminal 8 gate # 7
Arrestee Released To: ICE, OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
Refused By:
Violator Status at Arrest: NONE
Violator Travel Category:
Time Notified: 16:30
Time Arrived: 18:30
Agency Custody Time: 20:02
Arresting Officer: Moloney, John
Case Agent:

Personal Search Details

Personal Search Date: 2020-02-04
Port Director Notified Date:
Search Time: 19:30
Time Completed: 19:35
Positive Results: No
Search Type: FRISK
Degree of Body Search:
Funds on Person: \$28.02
Currency Released: No
Reason for Search: OFFICER SAFETY
Search Reason Remarks: OFFICER SAFETY
Authorizing Officer: WOLFE, ALAN
Searching Officer: Morrelli, Frank
Chief Counsel Notified: No
Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Notified: No

Arrest Citations

19USC1703(C) - ACTS CONSTITUTING PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE VESSEL ENGAGED IN SMUGGLING

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Properties

Property 0001 - COCAINE

Property Category: DRUGS
Property Type: COCAINE
Tariff:
Enforcement Aids:

Property Details

Owning Port: 4701 - JFK INTL ARPT

Seized Quantity: 11.55
Unit of Measurement: KILOGRAM
Package Barcode:
Number of Packages: 10
Package Type: BRICKS
Country of Origin: JAMAICA
Country of Export: JAMAICA
Country of Destination: UNITED STATES
Abandoned: No
Prohibited Item: No
FDIN: 2020555962
Weight Determination Code: Scale

Property Status

Legal Status: SF - SUMMARY FORFEITURE
Physical Status: HE - HELD
Custodian: CSI - OFFICER, OFO
To Custodian: HSI - SPECIAL AGENT - INITIATOR
Storage: JFK OFO MAIL BRANCH BLDG 250 TEMPORARY STORAGE ROOM
Acceptance Date: 2020-02-04

Property Value

Appraising Officer/Import Specialist:
Declared Value:
Duty Amount:

Property Values

Type: CFO FINANCIAL - \$0

Concealment Information

Concealment Code: AIRCRAFT
Concealment Sub Code:
Other Concealment Description:
Concealed in Commodity:
Found in Secret Compartment: No

Property Violations

Importation of Schedule I Controlled Substances
Citations: 19 USC 1595a(c)(1)(B), 21 USC 881(f), 21 USC 952, 19 CFR 162.45a (629)

Property 0002 - GLOVES

Property Category: GENERAL MDS/OTHER
Property Type: EVIDENCE

Tariff: NO TARIFF SELECTED

Enforcement Aids:

Property Details

Owning Port: 4701 - JFK INTL ARPT

Seized Quantity: 1

Unit of Measurement: EACH

Package Barcode:

Number of Packages: 1

Package Type: OTHER

Country of Origin: UNKNOWN

Country of Export: UNKNOWN

Country of Destination: UNITED STATES

Abandoned: No

Prohibited Item: No

Property Status

Legal Status: EV - EVIDENCE - SINGLE STATUS

Physical Status: HE - HELD

Custodian: CSI - OFFICER, OFO

To Custodian: HSI - SPECIAL AGENT - INITIATOR

Storage: GENERIC STORAGE LOCATION CODE

Acceptance Date: 2020-02-04

Property Value

Appraising Officer/Import Specialist:

Declared Value:

Duty Amount:

Property Values

Type: CFO FINANCIAL - \$1

Type: DOMESTIC/ESTIMATED - \$1

Concealment Information

Concealment Code: CLOTHING

Concealment Sub Code: OTHER

Other Concealment Description: GLOVES

Concealed in Commodity:

Found in Secret Compartment: No

Property Violations

Evidence (No Basis for Forfeiture)

Citations: Evidence

Property 0003 - American Airlines Jacket (cold weather)

Property Category: GENERAL MDS/OTHER
Property Type: EVIDENCE
Tariff: NO TARIFF SELECTED
Enforcement Aids:

Property Details

Owning Port: 4701 - JFK INTL ARPT
Seized Quantity: 1
Unit of Measurement: EACH
Package Barcode:
Number of Packages: 1
Package Type: OTHER
Country of Origin: UNKNOWN
Country of Export: UNKNOWN
Country of Destination: UNITED STATES
Abandoned: No
Prohibited Item: No

Property Status

Legal Status: EV - EVIDENCE - SINGLE STATUS
Physical Status: HE - HELD
Custodian: CSI - OFFICER, OFO
To Custodian: HSI - SPECIAL AGENT - INITIATOR
Storage: ADMINISTRATIVE CUSTODY
Acceptance Date: 2020-02-04

Property Value

Appraising Officer/Import Specialist:
Declared Value:
Duty Amount:

Property Values

Type: CFO FINANCIAL - \$1
Type: DOMESTIC/ESTIMATED - \$1

Concealment Information

Concealment Code: CLOTHING
Concealment Sub Code: COAT
Other Concealment Description:
Concealed in Commodity:
Found in Secret Compartment: No

Property Violations

Evidence (No Basis for Forfeiture)
Citations: Evidence

Property 0004 - Apple IPONE "8"

Property Category: GENERAL MDS/OTHER
Property Type: EVIDENCE
Trade Enforcement Code: NON - NONE
Tariff: NO TARIFF SELECTED
Enforcement Aids:

Property Details

Owning Port: 4701 - JFK INTL ARPT
Seized Quantity: 1
Unit of Measurement: EACH
Package Barcode:
Number of Packages: 1
Package Type: OTHER
Country of Origin: UNKNOWN
Country of Export: UNKNOWN
Country of Destination: UNITED STATES
Abandoned: No
Prohibited Item: No

Property Status

Legal Status: EV - EVIDENCE - SINGLE STATUS
Physical Status: HE - HELD
Custodian: CSI - OFFICER, OFO
To Custodian: HSI - SPECIAL AGENT - INITIATOR
Storage: ADMINISTRATIVE CUSTODY
Acceptance Date: 2020-02-04

Property Value

Appraising Officer/Import Specialist:
Declared Value:
Duty Amount:

Property Values

Type: CFO FINANCIAL - \$600
Type: DOMESTIC/ESTIMATED - \$600

Concealment Information

Concealment Code: OTHER
Concealment Sub Code: OTHER
Other Concealment Description: personel effects
Concealed in Commodity:
Found in Secret Compartment: No

Property Violations

Evidence (No Basis for Forfeiture)
Citations: Evidence

Property 0005 - personnel effects US currency

Property Category: GENERAL MDS/OTHER
Property Type: EVIDENCE
Trade Enforcement Code: NON - NONE
Tariff: NO TARIFF SELECTED
Enforcement Aids:

Property Details

Owning Port: 4701 - JFK INTL ARPT
Seized Quantity: 1
Unit of Measurement: EACH
Package Barcode:
Number of Packages: 1
Package Type: EACH
Country of Origin: UNITED STATES
Country of Export: UNITED STATES
Country of Destination: UNITED STATES
Abandoned: No
Prohibited Item: No

Property Status

Legal Status: EV - EVIDENCE - SINGLE STATUS
Physical Status: HE - HELD
Custodian: CSI - OFFICER, OFO
To Custodian: HSI - SPECIAL AGENT - INITIATOR
Storage: ADMINISTRATIVE CUSTODY
Acceptance Date: 2020-02-04

Property Value

Appraising Officer/Import Specialist:
Declared Value: \$28.02
Duty Amount: \$28.02

Property Values

Type: CFO FINANCIAL - \$28.02
Type: DOMESTIC/ESTIMATED - \$28.02

Concealment Information

Concealment Code: NOT CONCEALED

Property Violations

Evidence (No Basis for Forfeiture)
Citations: Evidence

Narrative

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Document Attachments

Photo AA1349pic7.jpg

Photo AA1349pic5.jpg

Photo AA1349pic6.jpg

Photo Belloisi Paul AA 1349.jpg

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Photo AA1349 pic3.JPG

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Form 6051S - Custody Receipt Seized Property/Evidence Property Scan_0004.pdf

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Changes Made to Incident Since Approval

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